

GERMANS HURL FRESH TROOPS INTO THE FRAY

Two Divisions Recently Arrived at the Verdun Front Sent Against French in an Effort to Regain Ground Lost During the Preceding Day, but Attacks in the Main Failed

POST ON HILL 287 WAS THE NET GAIN

Efforts to Retake Small Fort on Northeast Slope of Hill 304 Were Repulsed, According to the French Official Statement, Which Tells of Very Violent Fighting

Paris, May 19.—Violent fighting on a large scale was resumed on the Verdun front last night. Two fresh divisions of German troops attacked French positions at Avocourt wood and on Hill 304, west of the Meuse. The war office announced that the attacks in the main were unsuccessful, although the Germans obtained a footing in a small post south of Hill 287 which lies east of Avocourt wood. The Germans attempted to recapture the small fort on the northeast slope of Hill 304 which the French troops took on the preceding day, but the efforts failed. Infantry fighting was confined for the most part to the sector west of the Meuse river. East of the river and in the Woëvre district the artillery was active. The official statement says that the troops employed by the Germans had recently arrived at the Verdun front.

129 FRENCHMEN TAKEN BY GERMANS

When They Captured Trenches on Both Sides of the Haucourt-Esnes High Road on Verdun Front.

Berlin, via London, May 19.—French trenches on both sides of the Haucourt-Esnes high road on the Verdun front west of the Meuse have been captured by the Germans, the war office announced today. Nine French officers and 129 men were taken prisoners. The announcement says that French captured positions extend to the neighborhood of the southern corner of Duck's wood.

AUSTRIANS CAPTURE CONSTABELLA TOWN

Are Continuing to Advance, Says Austria Statement, Despite Efforts of Italians to Deliver Vigorous Counter-Strikes.

Berlin, via London, May 19.—The Austrian troops are continuing to advance at points on the Italian front although the Italians are undertaking vigorous counter-strikes, says yesterday's Vienna statement. The Austrians crossed the Luan valley and captured Constabella.

ADVANCE FIVE MILES AGAINST ITALIANS; TAKE 7,300 MEN

Austrian Offensive Said By Berlin To Be Making Progress Each Day in Spite of Great Difficulties.

Berlin, via London, May 19.—The Austrian offensive to the south and south-east of Rovereto is making progress daily. The Austrian front already has advanced five miles in some places. These gains were made in the face of great difficulties. The mountains are still covered with snow.

The positions captured have been in the hands of the Italians for months and include points to which the Italians attached the greatest strategic importance. The captures of men and war materials have been increasing daily. The number of prisoners now exceeds 7,300. The Austrians also have taken 31 cannon and 35 machine guns.

ALLIES MOVE TO SALONIKI.

Beginning of an Offensive Indicated by French Statement.

London, May 19.—Indications that the allied forces at Saloniki are attempting an advance are contained in the official report of the French war office issued last night on the operations of the army of the East. It shows that the allied troops are not only moving up the Vardar river and west of Lake Doiran, the situation has undergone no important modifications. In the course of the first fortnight in May there has been no serious action. The infantry of both sides have continued to organize themselves on the ground. Our artillery on several occasions shelled enemy encampments, organizations and groups of workers.

"Northeast of Lake Doiran our advanced forces have occupied Devetse. Other forces have pushed in the direction of Monastir, toward Poraj. "The Greeks have taken prisoner Bulgarians dressed as Germans."

ROOSEVELT CARRIES ATTACK TO FORD'S HOME

Made Vigorous Address at Detroit in Behalf of Preparedness and Made Direct Reference to Ford's Attitude.

Detroit, Mich., May 19.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in an address here today, reiterated his opposition "to all kinds of hyphenated Americanism," advocated universal military service based on universal training, and declared that we must abolish "pork-barrel" methods in our national defense, stop talking and get down to the actual business of thorough preparedness if we are "to make this nation as strong as are its convictions in reference to right and wrong."

The address was delivered at a mass meeting in the Detroit opera house. Colonel Roosevelt prefaced his speech by announcing that he had "come here to Michigan because in the primary for the selection of delegates to the Republican national convention, Mr. Ford was victorious, and following on his victory here, he showed a marked popular strength in Nebraska and Pennsylvania. The effect of this showing has been immediately visible upon many of the politicians within and without Congress."

"We, through our representatives at Washington," said Colonel Roosevelt, "have absolutely refused in the smallest degree to prepare during these twenty-two months of world cataclysm. We have refused to learn the smallest part of the lesson being written on the scroll of torment in Europe. We have fatuously refused to take the smallest step, either to do our duty to ourselves or to do our duty to others. We have endeavored to deceive ourselves by announcing that in this policy of supine inaction and of failure to perform duty, we are actuated by the loftiest motives. I doubt whether we have really deceived ourselves, and most certainly we have not deceived others. There is not a nation in the world which believes that our course of conduct has been dictated by anything save timidity, unworthy shrinking from effort and responsibility, and cold and selfish love of money making and of soft ease."

"In any serious crisis there are always men who try to carry water on both shoulders. These men try to escape the hard necessity of choice between two necessarily opposite alternatives, by trying to work up some compromise. In actual practice, this compromise usually proves to combine with exquisite nicety all the defects and none of the advantages of both courses. It is true that in ordinary political matters compromise is essential. It is true that in ordinary times it is essential. But there come great crises when compromise is either impossible or fatal. This is one of those crises. There is no use in saying that we will sit ourselves to defend ourselves a little, but not much. Such a position is equivalent to announcing that, if necessary, we shall hit, but that we shall only hit soft. The only right principle is to prepare thoroughly or not at all. The only right principle is to avoid hitting if it is possible to do so, but never to go to war a little, but not much, is the one absolutely certain way to ensure disaster. To prepare a little but not much, stands on a par with a city developing a fire department which, after a fire occurs, can put it out a little, but not much."

Colonel Roosevelt declared that the Wilson administration "has taken no step for preparedness, and has done nothing efficient to sustain our national right." Because, he said, the administration had at intervals, "ventured feebly to speak in contradiction of its non-action, and ultra-pacifists and their followers have refused it any whole-hearted support. They object, Colonel Roosevelt added, "even to make-believe preparedness; they insist on even more thoroughgoing helplessness than that which we had so amply provided at Washington."

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TALK OF THE TOWN

A. C. Templeton of Randolph was a business visitor in the city today. D. D. Adams of Marshfield was a business visitor in the city today. Jesse Gardiner of Plainfield was a business visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simonds and family of Williamstown were visitors in the city today.

Painters and decorators are at work re-fitting the interior of Dr. F. M. Lynde's office in the Currier block. That the fame of Barre granite is rapidly spreading into hitherto unvisited corners of the world was evidenced one day this week when George E. Bond, a Depot square granite manufacturer, received an order for a substantial memorial that is to be erected in Honolulu. Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Gearson returned today to Vergennes, where Mr. Gearson has recently been appointed assistant superintendent of the Vermont State Normal School. Mr. and Mrs. Gearson have been visiting relatives in this city for two weeks.

Members of the Winoski Valley Association of School Superintendents were in the city today inspecting the local schools. They were the guests of Supt. C. H. White and Supt. George H. Seager of the Barre town schools while here. Several Barre young ladies, including Misses Freida and Bertina Hooker, Miss Clara Morse, Miss Ruby Head and Miss Glynora Gould, and Miss Theresa Miles of Granvilleville are attending the festivities at Norwich university this week.

D. A. Perry yesterday conducted an auction sale for Horace Colburn of Brookfield, who sold his home, farm, stock and tools. The farm was purchased by Irving Abbott of Brookfield Center for \$810; goods brought \$33 and one horse sold for \$46. Good prices were realized from the farming tools and household furniture.

County Agent F. H. Abbott of the Washington County Farmers' association spoke before an audience of 32 farmers in the grange hall at East Chalis last evening. His talk included mainly an explanation of the purpose and ideals of the association and some practical points on the preparation of the soil in regard to fertilizing and the "salting" of crops. At the close of his talk, nearly two hours were taken up in general discussion and the answering of questions.

NEW THEORY OF CYMRIC LOSS

Berlin Hears That Survivors Claim It Was Due to a Boiler Explosion

BRITISH DECLARED IT WAS TORPEDO

Officers of Ship Had Declared They Saw the Submarine

Berlin, via wireless, May 19.—Amsterdam dispatches to the Overseas news agency state that survivors of the British steamship Cymric, which was sunk on May 9, stated on their arrival at Liverpool that the sinking of the vessel was due to the explosion of her boilers.

The accounts from British sources, as well as dispatches to the state department from the American consul, said the Cymric was torpedoed. The officers of the Cymric said a submarine was seen at the time of the attack.

CANADIANS EAGER TO FIGHT.

Enlistments Thus Far in 1916 Surpass Any Similar Period.

Ottawa, Ont., May 19.—The Canadian Parliament ended its session yesterday afternoon. There is some comment on the fact that the governor-general, the Duke of Connaught, did not officiate, but left the closing ceremonies to his deputy, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of Canada. Assent was given to the legislation which has been enacted by the two Houses of Parliament since the session opened last January.

The outstanding features of the session have been the destruction by fire of the Parliament building; a vote of \$23,000,000 to tide the new trans-continental railways, the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific, over present financial difficulties; the appropriation of \$25,000,000 for Canadian war operations during the present year and the introduction of the question of French language in Canadian schools into the federal house when it had been confined to provincial legislature heretofore.

The speech from the throne stated that nearly 170,000 Canadian troops have gone overseas and that more than 140,000 are undergoing training in Canada. To supply needed reinforcements men have offered themselves in even greater numbers during the first four months of this year than in any similar period during the war.

It is understood that Parliament may be called to meet again early in the autumn to deal with the report of a commission which will seek a solution of the Canadian railway problem.

DEPRIVED OF LICENSE.

Because He is Justice of the Peace in Swanton.

Swanton, May 19.—The liquor license at Grand Avenue hotel held by Cadman S. Gates has been revoked, it having been brought to the attention of the license commissioners that Mr. Gates is a justice of the peace. Merrill A. Hungerford, proprietor of the hotel, is not a naturalized citizen of the United States, which was the reason Mr. Gates applied for a license to sell liquor. Mr. Gates has resigned his commission as justice of the peace, but it is not known yet what procedure the license commissioners will follow in the matter.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Frank W. Jackson of Barre was elected grand secretary and Alexander Duncan of Barre, grand marshal at the grand lodge Odd Fellows convention in Burlington yesterday.

Wallace Batchelder and Nelson Welch of Plainfield arrived in the city this morning to attend the funeral of their aunt, Miss Harriet N. Reed, which was held this afternoon.

The house and a considerable piece of land at the corner of Washington and Highland avenue are to be sold at public auction June 7, according to a notice posted by W. E. Wortheley, administrator of the estate of Daniel Wortheley. Until her death last winter, the house was occupied for many years by Mrs. Marcia Emery.

Luigi Brovelli of Batchelder street left the city last evening for New York, where he is to sail for his former home in Italy, there to join his wife and children, who preceded him a year ago. He was accompanied by G. Simonetti, who returns to Italy to join his family, after a long sojourn in the Barre granite district.

Barre granite is to be used throughout in the building of the Ida Hancock Ross memorial in Los Angeles, Cal., according to specifications received here this week. G. Allan Hancock, millionaire owner of the famous Rancho La Brea in California, is the donor of the memorial, which is to be cut at the plant of Novelli & Calagani. Barre manufacturers will be interested to know that the contract for cutting and erecting the memorial came to Barre through the offices of John Stephens, formerly of the Stephen & Gerard Co. in this city. Mr. Stephens is at the head of the Rosedal Granite Co. in Los Angeles.

MISS JOHNSON WINS \$3,625 FROM RECTOR

Rev. C. C. Wilson Will Ask for New Trial of Breach of Promise Suit on Ground That Verdict Was Against the Weight of Evidence and Law.

Boston, May 19.—A verdict for \$3,625 damages was awarded to Miss Laura L. Johnson last night by the jury which had been deliberating for eight hours on the evidence introduced in the federal court in the breach of promise suit which she brought against Rev. Charles C. Wilson for \$20,000.

An appeal will be entered by counsel for the clergyman to have the verdict set aside and a new trial held in the same court on the ground that the verdict is against the evidence, the weight of evidence and the law. The trial lasted just a week.

Miss Johnson was not in court when the verdict was returned, remaining with her father and mother in the office of Ralph H. Willard, her counsel. Mr. Willard and Guy H. Horton, associate counsel, received the verdict for her.

The rector was present, however, with his counsel, Atty. Walter A. Dane. He was apparently very nervous when the jurors walked into the court room. The court room scene was somewhat dramatic, for many of the rector's flock, who have been in attendance at the trial every day, had remained all through the afternoon and evening waiting for the finding of the jury. The room was only dimly lighted, and the defendant and the spectators were all sitting forward to hear the verdict. The gentle tapping of Deputy Bancroft on the door of the clerk's office to call Frank Mason to the court added to the situation. It seemed like a play, with the stage all set for the climax.

The rector stood while the jury was going through the formality of handing the verdict to Deputy Marshal Edwards, who, in turn, handed it to the clerk. Mr. Wilson was visibly affected when the verdict was read, although he made no demonstration. There was a murmur of disappointment and disapproval among his parishioners in the seats directly back of him.

He had nothing to say following the adjournment of court, referring his case to his counsel. Mr. Dane stated that he would within three days file a motion for a new trial, which would include a request to have the verdict set aside. He said he would base his motion on the evidence and on the law as well.

While Mr. Dane was talking to the newspaper men the rector held an impromptu reception, standing inside the bar enclosure while his parishioners passed along outside and shook hands with him. They all expressed surprise and sorrow at the verdict, but assured him of their loyalty to him.

Miss Johnson was not so reticent as the rector. She was feeling in fine spirits when she received the newspaper men in her attorney's office, and answered a volley of questions smilingly and apparently with pleasure.

She declared that she had all the old love for the rector until he took the witness stand Wednesday and denied the things she said he knew and still knows are true. She said she was truly sorry for him during his cross examination by Atty. Willard.

In making his charge to the jury Judge Morton rehearsed the formal status of the case, and joined with the jury in regretting that the affairs of these young people had been brought into publicity. Nevertheless, he warned the jury judgment must be given without regard to consequences.

He followed precisely Mr. Stickney's statement that the matter was that of a contract broken. He summed up Miss Johnson's direct statement in three sentences. He said that where an implied engagement is all there is, both—not one—parties must understand and agree that they are to marry. Whether there was any express agreement was the crucial question.

LYNCH'S FATE STILL UNKNOWN

American Citizen Was to Have Been Shot in Dublin After Conviction for Complicity in Irish Rebellion.

Washington, D. C., May 19.—The fate of Jeremiah G. Lynch, an American citizen who was to be shot at day-break in Dublin, was unknown today. He was convicted of complicity in the Irish rebellion. President Wilson made an 11th-hour plea for a stay of execution until the case could be investigated, but no word had come today as to whether the request arrived in time or had been granted.

Information telegraphed here last night to Senator O'Gorman by friends of Lynch in New York was to the effect that he had been sentenced to death and would be shot at midnight, New York time. Secretary Lansing, at the direction of president, at 9 o'clock last night cabled Ambassador Page to make representations in behalf of Lynch in order to save his life pending an investigation of the facts in his case by the American government.

President Wilson was at a theatre when Senator O'Gorman called at the White House. Secretary Tumulty hurried to the theatre and laid the facts before the president. Cable dispatches yesterday had told of Lynch's conviction, but did not give the sentence.

LOCATED IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Charles W. H. Hoyt of St. Johnsbury Went Away a Week Ago.

St. Johnsbury, May 19.—Word was received from Springfield, Mass., last night that Charles W. H. Hoyt, the civil engineer, missing from his home since last Saturday, had been located by track men in Springfield. Officers there wired that Hoyt would return. Fears for his health and mental condition are felt by his wife and mother, because the Springfield authorities asked that some one be sure and meet him at the train. It is thought that he walked practically all the way to Springfield.

C. O. Averill, F. W. Jackson and Alex. Duncan have returned to the city from Burlington, where they have been attending the annual convention of Odd Fellows.

KNOW ABOUT IRISH PLOT

And About German Plans for Aiding Rebels, Birrell Admits.

A SECRETARY FOR IRELAND ON STAND

Say He Did Not Wish to Revise Sir Matthew Nathan's Testimony

London, May 19.—Augustine Birrell, who resigned as chief secretary for Ireland after the Sinn Fein revolt, appeared today as a witness before the royal commission which is conducting an inquiry into the rebellion. At the outset of the hearing Birrell stated he had read Sir Matthew Nathan's statement and that he did not know that there were any additions or modifications he wished to make. Sir Matthew Nathan testified that the government had advance information regarding the German plans for aiding the rebels.

ST. ALBANS POSTMASTER.

William H. Finn Succeeds C. S. Forbes in Office.

St. Albans, May 19.—William H. Finn, whose nomination as postmaster at St. Albans a Washington dispatch announced yesterday, has always been a Democrat. He served the city as alderman from ward three during the first three years of the city government and afterward was school commissioner several years. He has been a justice of the peace and has long been a director of the Sheldon Poorhouse association. He is a member of St. Mary's church and the Knights of Columbus.

The commission of Postmaster C. S. Forbes expires some time next month and Mr. Finn expects to take over the office immediately upon the expiration of that term.

MORE NEW BISHOPS.

Dr. Matt S. Hughes Latest Elected By Methodist Church.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 19.—Dr. Matt S. Hughes of Pasadena, Cal., was elected bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church today on the 11th ballot. Dr. Hughes is a brother of Bishop Edwin H. Hughes. Three more bishops now remain to be elected. Dr. Herbert Welch, president of the Ohio Wesleyan university, and Dr. Thomas Nicholson of New York City, secretary of the church board of education, having been chosen last night.

STATE DENTAL OFFICERS.

Dr. H. M. Smith of Lyndonville Elected President.

Burlington, May 19.—At the closing session of the Vermont Dental association today Dr. H. M. Smith of Lyndonville was elected president. Dr. E. Partridge of Burlington and Dr. W. R. Pond of Rutland vice-presidents. Dr. Philip E. Mellen of Middlebury secretary. Dr. W. H. Munnell of Wells River treasurer, and Dr. Fred Newell of Brattleboro a member of the executive committee.

MONTPELIER

Replying to the request of H. J. Conant, representing the local board of trade, as to whether special rates would be fixed on the New England railroads for the New England fruit show to be held in Montpelier in November, the passenger association of Boston has assured Mr. Conant that a two-cent rate will be obtainable both ways on every road except the Bangor & Aroostook.

Miss Beulah Grant is taking a brief vacation from her duties in the First National bank and has gone to Burlington. Arthur C. Goodrich, agent for the National Life Insurance Co. at Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Goodrich, who were in the city to attend the Cattle-Walker wedding Wednesday evening, returned this morning to their home. Misses Katherine Kessinger and E. Hoekmeyer returned yesterday afternoon to Lowell, Mass., having been the guests during the week of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moulton.

About 30 couples attended the annual dance of the Junior Bankers' association held last evening in the city hall auditorium, music being furnished by Carroll's orchestra.

Mrs. Alta Carpenter left this forenoon for Boston, where she will make an indefinite visit with relatives. Gilman S. Bliss, administrator of the estate of Miss B. Sibley, has sold to William H. Clossy and wife the house and lot at 54 East Liberty street, the consideration not being made public. A deed recording the sale was filed in the city clerk's office today.

Thomas Short, for nearly 17 years the proprietor of a quick lunch establishment on Main street, yesterday sold his business to Roy Harris of Middlesex, the new owner taking immediate possession. Mr. Short is not decided as to what business he will pursue in the future, although he expects to remain in Montpelier for the present.

Mrs. Frank H. Tracy went yesterday afternoon to Highgate Springs to pass the week end and at their summer cottage. Mrs. C. W. Litch is recovering at Heat-hospital from an illness of several weeks and will be able to return to her home, 2 Cliff street, in a few days. William Lee of Waterbury arrived in the city today for a several days' visit with relatives.

John Avery, legislative reference librarian, left this forenoon for Concord, N. Y., where he expects to make a week's visit with relatives. Miss Marion Watson went this forenoon to Waterbury to complete arrangements for the appearance in that town this evening of the Y. M. C. A. girls' minstrel.

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY HELD.

Annual Session at Burlington—Reception Yesterday Afternoon.

Burlington, May 19.—The annual session of the Rebekah assembly in connection with the Odd Fellows convention was held here today. Among those in the receiving line at the very pleasant and well attended reception given yesterday afternoon by the members of the Antonio and Beatrice Rebekah lodges on the roof garden of the Hotel Vermont in honor of the assembly officers and visiting members were: Mrs. Angie E. Endress of Bennington, president of the assembly; Mrs. Emogene Buck, vice-president; Mrs. Emma Rand, warden; Miss Emma Gates, secretary of the assembly; Mrs. Eva Hazen, treasurer; Mrs. Clara Peterson, marshal; Mrs. Emma Colburn, conductor; Mrs. Clara Wallace, outer guardian; Miss Gertrude Jewell, inner guardian; Mrs. Mabel B. Caldwell, chaplain; and six past presidents: Mrs. Mary Goodell, Mrs. Cornelia Bond, Mrs. Stella Bailey, Mrs. Nora Jackson, Mrs. Francis Stone and Mrs. Alice Laundry.

The exemplification of the Rebekah degree was carried out by Antonio Rebekah lodge, No. 11, and Beatrice Rebekah lodge, No. 60, of Burlington before a large audience at the city hall in the evening. The opening and closing ceremonies were conducted by Antonio lodge under the leadership of Mrs. Lou Hathaway, noble grand, and the other exercises by Beatrice Rebekah lodge, led by Mrs. Nellie E. Ballou, noble grand. Mrs. Charlotte R. Van Steinberg, pianist, and Irving Thomas, violinist, furnished the music for the exercises and Mrs. Edwin F. Davis and Frank Casavant rendered vocal solos. The officers of the Rebekah assembly and the grand lodge officers were guests at the exercises and gave brief addresses.

Mrs. Emogene Buck of Randolph was today elected president of the assembly. Other officers are as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Emma Rand of Saxtons River; secretary, Mrs. Emma Gates of Ludlow; treasurer, Mrs. Eva Hazen of Windsor.

STATE CASES DEFERRED.

Divorce Case Holds Them Up Till Next Tuesday.

Witnesses for the petitioner had not all been called this forenoon in the divorce case of Mary L. Pierce vs. James Pierce of Warren, which is being heard in county court, and because of the time the suit will take before it is completed the state cases will not be taken up until next Tuesday forenoon. The jurors are under instructions to report at that time and at the conclusion of the case will probably be finally discharged for the term.

A replevin case was filed yesterday afternoon with the clerk of the court, E. L. Smith against C. H. Barton and H. J. Slayton, an action to recover property attached by the deputy sheriff.

BURIAL AT PLAINFIELD CENTER.

Following Funeral of Miss Harriet Reed This Afternoon.

The funeral of Miss Harriet Newell Reed, whose death occurred at her home, 7 French street, Wednesday forenoon after a long illness, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. W. Reed this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. B. J. Leigh, pastor of the First Baptist church, was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were six nephews of the deceased, Wallace Bartlett of Plainfield, Benjamin Batchelder, Nelson Welch of Plainfield, Dan A. Perry, Q. H. Perry and C. W. Perry. There were several floral tributes. The body was taken to Plainfield Center for burial.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Arrangements were completed today for a meeting of all the Barre creditors of the Vermont & Chicago Granite Co., of which Edward F. MacDonald of Chicago, Ill., was the promoter. The meeting is to be held in the rooms of the Granite Manufacturers' association Monday evening. The Vermont & Chicago company was declared insolvent a few months ago, after an unusual series of operations, it is said, in the Vermont granite field.

More than 100 members of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association were present in the association hall last evening for the fifth meeting of the educational series inaugurated in April. The speaker was William D. McDonald of East Barre, vice-president of the association and a member of the World Granite Co., who addressed the gathering on "Fundamentals of Estimating." Mr. MacDonald's contribution to the series was the product of much research and forethought. Afterward P. F. McLaughlin of Boston, publisher of the Monument Register, told of some of the benefits that are accruing from the advertising campaign recently launched by the manufacturers and quarriers. A substantial luncheon was served at the close of the meeting.

H. C. Hefner of Cleveland, O., who is manager of the 11th annual convention of the National Retail Monument Dealers' association, which is to be held in Cleveland Aug. 15-19, is to visit Barre within a few weeks, according to communications received by Barre granite men recently. Granite manufacturers and quarriers of the Barre district have made liberal reservations of exhibition space on the convention floor and the visit of Mr. Hefner will probably be made the occasion for a conference with local exhibitors. A number of Barre granite men are so arranging their business as to have a little leisure along in the middle days of August and it will not be surprising if the attendance at the convention from this vicinity is large.

The Altruists gathered at the home of Mrs. Raymond Waterman of Camp street on Thursday afternoon for a farewell social in honor of Mrs. Joseph Hoyt, who, with her family, is soon to leave the city for their new home near Springfield. This was a complete surprise to Mrs. Hoyt, who was invited to the house on other pretenses and found upon arriving there the Altruists awaiting her. A pleasant social time was enjoyed by all. Miss Ada Sherburne gave a history of the formation and work of the club, in which Mrs. Hoyt has been a faithful worker for 15 years. She also presented her Wallace Nutting picture as a slight token of the esteem in which she is held by the club members. A reading was given by Mrs. Bishop and several musical selections were rendered on a victrola, after which refreshments of salads, sandwiches, cake and cocoa were served.

Clerks' Notice.

There will be a clerks' meeting Friday, May 19, at 7 p. m. Don't forget to register.

PAVING MEN LEAVE WORK

Dissatisfied with the Wages Paid and Claim Violation of Promise

40 MEN ARE IDLE ON MILLSTONE

Employers Say They Promised One Do More Than at Record

Forty paving cutters on Millstone hill, comprising practically every member of that union in the Barre granite district, were idle today, as the result of differences between the employers and employees. Statements made by representatives of the paving cutters' union, which is an organization separate from that of the granite cutters, are at variance with the statements made by those who have been employing paving cutters on the hill. Differences between the two factors, having been mooted for some time prior to May 1, an adjustment was reached in the first week of the month and the men returned to work on the morning of May 8.

A disagreement over the price to be paid per thousand for paving blocks is said to have precipitated both strikes. The paving cutters' declare that the employers refused to abide by the agreement reached early in May and at a meeting of the union members last night it was decided not to work today. The following statement of the cutters' case was issued:

"A week ago a dispute between the paving cutters and their employers was settled by a compromise agreement and already the dispute has been revived because the representative of the employers declines to pay the price fixed by the agreement just signed. The reason given is that another branch of the paving cutters' union has made a slightly different agreement from what he understood. Last night the paving cutters met and discussed the position taken by the representative of the employers. The decision arrived at was that all paving cutters on the hill should cease work until the new problem could be solved."

Interviewed today, one who is closely identified with paving cutting interest on Millstone hill stated that the point in contention concerned a comparison of wages paid in Barre and in Concord. According to him, when the Barre cutters asked for an increase they cited Concord cutters as receiving \$24 per thousand. Whereupon, the employers promised to pay \$25 per thousand. After work was resumed May 8, it was stated, members of the cutters' committee came to the employers' representative and said they had been in error in quoting the Concord bill as providing for \$24. The Concord price was \$22.50. Whereupon, the employers, it is said, decided to do better than stand by their original agreement, that of paying \$1 per thousand more than Concord by paying \$24, instead of \$23.50. Alleged dissatisfaction, it is said, followed the announcement of the employers.

In the stand they have taken, the employers claim they are entirely within their rights. They point to the intense competition in the New England paving block market and cite, locally, the fact that the freight rate from Millstone hill to Barre and thence to the consignee makes any additional increase prohibitive.

HELD MEETING IN BARRE.

Twelfth Annual Meeting of Episcopal Missionary Auxiliary.

The 12th annual meeting of the Montpelier district of the woman's auxiliary to the board of missions was held in the Church of the Good Shepherd today.

The services began this morning at 10:15 with holy communion, which was followed by the report of the district secretary, Mrs. J. W. Vaughan; reports from parish branches by their secretaries, who were Mrs. H. Whitney from Northfield, Mrs. S. N. Parker from the Barre branch, Mrs. Egg from the Montpelier branch and Mrs. Riley from Waterbury. Reports from the junior auxiliaries were given by Mrs. Whitney for the Northfield society, Miss Eleanor Lowe from Montpelier and Miss Muriel Beattie of the local branch. A selection by the choir followed, after which Mrs. C. D. Mather spoke on "Our United Offering Missionaries." Mrs. E. M. Denny, district vice-president of the auxiliaries, spoke for a few moments on the work of the society and asked the officers of the local branches to keep in touch with the district officers and thereby aid them in their work. Mrs. Denny called on Rev. F. B. Leach of Montpelier for a few remarks before the adjournment for lunch, which occurred at 12:30.

At 1:30 in the afternoon services were reopened with a prayer, after which came the report of the district secretary, the opening of the question box by Rev. W. J. M. Beattie and Rev. T. S. Oxford. The answers were referred to various speakers. Music and two addresses by Rev. F. Barnaby Leach of the Montpelier church and Miss C. R. Wheeler, president of the auxiliary, followed.

At 4 o'clock will come an address by Bishop G. Y. Bliss, after which there will be offerings and adjournment. About 30 members of the auxiliary were present at the morning service, including Rev. F. B. Leach of Montpelier, Rev. T. S. Oxford of Northfield and ladies from the different towns where the auxiliaries are active.</